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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-9. (canceled)

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10. (currently amended): A method of manufacturing products in a plurality of types having different specifications, the method comprising:

a) manufacturing products from intermediate products;

b) adding address information to the products, each address information uniquely identifying a respective intermediate product ~~before the intermediate product is used in step a);~~  
and

c) transferring the products together with the address information from a plurality of feed means to a single common feed line via a transfer means;

wherein a sequence of the transferring in step c) is determined by

storing a preceding address information in a memory associated with the transfer means, the preceding address information being the address information of a preceding one of the products that has been transferred to the single common feed line, and

transferring a subsequent one of the products selected from said plurality of feed means to the single common feed line, the subsequent one of the products having address

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information in a predetermined sequential relationship to the preceding address information.

11. (previously presented): A method according to claim 10, wherein the address information comprises positional information on the intermediate products which become the products.

12. (previously amended): A method of manufacturing products in a plurality of types having different specifications, the method comprising:

- a) manufacturing products from intermediate products;
- b) adding address information to the products, each address information uniquely identifying a respective intermediate product before the intermediate product is used in step a); and
- c) transferring the products together with the address information from a plurality of feed means to a single feed line via a transfer means;

wherein a sequence of the transferring in step c) is determined by

storing a preceding address information in a memory associated with the transfer means, the preceding address information being the address information of a preceding one of the products that has been transferred to the single feed line, and

transferring a subsequent one of the products to the single feed line, the subsequent one of the products having address information in a predetermined relationship to the preceding address information,

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wherein the address information comprises positional information on the intermediate products which become the products,

wherein the positional information comprises slit numbers successively defined in a first direction of cut webs as said intermediate products and block numbers successively defined in a second direction which is substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

13. (currently amended): An apparatus for manufacturing products in a plurality of types having different specifications, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of feed means for feeding products manufactured from intermediate products;

a single common feed line for feeding said products fed by said feed means;

transfer means for transferring said products fed by said feed means to said single common feed line;

address information holding means for holding address information that is associated with said products, each address information uniquely identifying a respective intermediate product ~~before the respective intermediate product is used to manufacture a respective product;~~

preceding address information holding means for storing a preceding address information, said preceding address information being said address information of a preceding one of said products that has been transferred to said single common feed line;

product selecting means for selecting a subsequent one of said products from said plurality of feed means to be transferred to said single common feed line, said subsequent one of

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said products having address information in a predetermined sequential relationship to said preceding address information.

14. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said transfer means includes a plurality of transfer units.

15. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said address information comprises positional information on said intermediate products which become said products.

**Please insert the following new claim:**

16. (new): An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said address information is added to said products when said products are manufactured from said intermediate products.

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